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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTO 26034

1. PLEASE DELIVE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER  
AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR RAMON:

I WAS GREATLY DISTRESSED TO HEAR OF THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT THE  
VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE C-130 EXPERIENCED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LAND  
IN A STORM AT THE U.S. AIR FORCE BASE IN THE AZORES. THE  
POIGNANCY OF THE DISASTER IS ALL THE GREATER IN VIEW OF THE  
FACT THAT MOST OF THE PASSENGERS WERE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL  
UNIVERSITY OF VENEZUELA CHOIR BOUND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL  
CHORAL FESTIVAL IN BARCELONA. PLEASE ACCEPT MY PROFOUND  
SYMPATHY IN THIS TRAGIC MOMENT. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU  
WOULD CONVEY MY SYMPATHY AS WELL TO THE FAMILIES OF THE  
VICTIMS.

WARM REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER

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